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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the November 19, 2003 Restriction Requirement to March 19, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account 50-1710 \$475.00 for payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee required, and any overpayments should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 19, 2003,  
Applicants provisionally elect Group IV, Claims 32-34 and 37-39, drawn to an extension  
of hybrid network for detecting the neighboring vehicles, with traverse. Traversal is on  
the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims will necessarily include a  
search of the art for the other group of claims. It is believed that the burden on the  
Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the  
Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

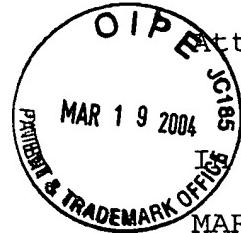
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Where Application of: )  
MARTIN D. NATHANSON, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/556,289 )  
Filed: April 24, 2000 )  
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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, and further to the preliminary amendments filed March 16 2001 and July 30, 2003.

**I. Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**II. Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**III. Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 18 of this paper and include both the attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**IV. Remarks** begin on page 19 of this paper.

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An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached  
following page 21 of this paper.